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7th Week Stretch

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Centering in On CENTEX

*Weekly Buzz Reporter
Austin Norville*

Some select Holland ISD band members traveled to McGregor on January 25th to compete in the CENTEX Honor Band competition.

Each student played one piece in front of three judges, and then moved to a different room to play a different piece for three other judges.

This year, Holland placed very well at the competition, with multiple students earning spots in the Honor Band.

In the Tenor Saxophone group, freshman

Leslye Moreno received the 11th chair and freshman Makayla Urbantke received the 12th chair.

From the Tuba section, sophomore Travis Fritz earned the 3rd chair in the

symphonic band; sophomore Lorenzo Walker earned the 8th chair, concert 4th overall; and freshman William Brummett received the 5th chair, concert 1st overall.

In the Trombone group, freshman Alexis Festa earned the 11th chair, 5th concert; freshman Alex Ramos earned the

18th chair, and freshman Mason Hood earned the 23rd chair. *Cont. on pg. 3*



*Students working hard to prepare for approaching performances.
Photo by Kinsey Gordon*

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Extra Week 7

Weekly Buzz Reporter Cole Norville

This year, HHS had two 5-week grading periods and has two 7-week grading periods, in addition to two regular 6-week grading periods.

Due to the number of holidays and teacher work days in the first semester, Holland ISD had to shorten the usual three 6-week grading periods to one 6-week and two 5-week periods, otherwise the first semester would have ended in January.

"As a district, we've tried to finish this semester before Christmas," Assistant Principal Mrs. Melany Cearly said.

As a result, the traditional 3rd and 4th 6-week grading periods will be 7 weeks long to compensate for the first semester.

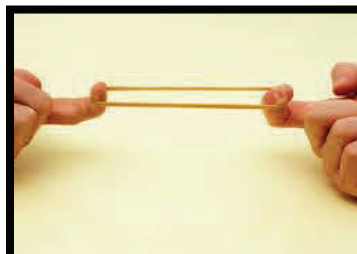
Many students view the two 7-week

grading periods as a pleasant change to the 5-week, or even 6-week, grading periods.

"It can be beneficial, because it gives us a week to get our work in instead of pressuring ourselves to get it in, kind of like a resting week," HHS sophomore Hannah Moon said.

Despite the extra week, teachers do not advise students to squander the time that they have during these grading periods, or any grading period.

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Quote of the week:

"I know you don't want to hear this but someone has to say it! You are out of control! I mean they're just shoes... let it go!"

— Gregory Maguire, Author of Wicked



In Other News...



Hornet OAP

HOPS

to Midway

Weekly Buzz Reporter Austin Norville

Holland High's OAP team will attend a clinic on Saturday, February 11 in Midway, where they will perform the play *Harvey* by Mary Chase.

The clinic in Midway will be judged by Luis Muñoz, the State Theatre Director for Texas. The purpose of the clinic is to tell Holland's cast and crew if they did anything wrong, and give possible suggestions on how to fix it.

Although they started a little roughly, the team will try to get back on their feet and strive toward victory.

"I feel we are fighting through the challenges that are at the beginning of the season, including busy schedules, seasonal illnesses, and staff changes," explained OAP Director Nieves Woodward.

Mrs. Woodard also believes that the ensemble has a lot of potential.

"I feel that *Harvey* demands an elevated approach to acting that our students can achieve. The story lends itself to interpretation while showing a very important theme of love and acceptance," continued Woodward.

Some people also believe that Holland OAP will do well this year.

"I think we will be very successful, possibly more than last year," predicted senior Erin Goodnight.

The team will have another clinic on March 10th at the McLennan Community College, along with the regular schedule.

The Zone competition will be on March 21st at the CAC (Cultural Activities Center) in Temple. The District competition will be at Groesbeck High School on April 4th.

The Area competition will be at Midway High School on April 14th. Regionals will be at Nacogdoches on April 20th and 21st.

Also, the State competition will be held earlier because of the EOC testing that will be done. State will now be on the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd of May at the University of Texas campus in Austin.

Harvey is a play about Elwood P. Dowd, who has an invisible friend named Harvey. Elwood's sister, Veta Louise Simmons, is trying to put Elwood put in a sanitarium. Throughout the course of the play there are many miscommunications and surprise twists, but, overall, the play is about family and acceptance.

Another ENCHANTING Band Trip

Weekly Buzz Reporter Tiffani Hill

The Holland High School band will be attending the musical *Wicked* this Thursday, January 26.

Students are required to bring their own lunches and picnic that afternoon. They will be leaving the school at 10 AM that morning.

This trip is a reward that the band gets every few years for their hard work. The students will arrive home at 9 PM or later that night. The bus will stop at Mr. Gatti's on the way home from Austin.

Wicked is a musical about the other side of *The Wizard of Oz*. It is the story about how the Wicked Witch of the

West, Elphaba, became 'wicked'. Also, it is the tale of the Good Witch of the North, Glinda, and shows both of them in their school years.

Students have been waiting for this trip for months, and are eager to see this performance.

"It's an intense and eager feeling, because I'm excited.

Everyone's been telling all the epicness about it," said freshman Lupe Santos. Lupe is a student who was unable to see *Wicked* last year.

"To be honest, I think it's strange that I've only heard one side of the story," he explained.

For Sophomore KC Hernandez, this is her second time to be able

to watch *Wicked*,

"I feel really excited about it, it's a fabulous play, and I love to see it again."



Feature Presentation

Sherlock's Return

Weekly Buzz Reporter Denver Whisenhunt

Detective Sherlock Holmes (Robert Downey Jr) and his sidekick Dr. John Watson (Jude Law) return for yet another adventure taking place in the not-so-distant past of Victorian Europe.

A new threat arises after a meeting between Holmes and Professor James Moriarty (Jared Harris) starts the Game of Shadows, Moriarty's attempt to start a war between several European countries.

From France to Germany and many other places, this movie takes danger to the next level in its own way and should keep movie watchers on the edge of their seats, wondering what will happen next the whole time.

As with any mystery, there is always some reasoning as to why these events occur, and this one has many mind-boggling events from a marriage to a gypsy camp, a journey to and through the woods, and to other

different places.

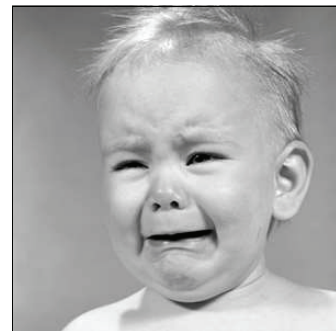
In this reader's opinion, this is a must-watch movie, if there is one word to describe this movie, it is AWESOME.



GUESS WHO?

Weekly Buzz Reporter, Clayton Palousek

Sorry,
No
Guess
Who
This
Week.



**Extra Week 7,
Written by Cole Norville
Continued from FRONT**

Some teachers even believe that students can afford to be more conscientious about turning things in by the end of each grading period.

"Honestly, students are pretty clueless as to how long six-weeks are. They're shocked when you tell them it's the last week of the 6-weeks," HHS teacher Mrs. Andrea Ruff said.

Centering in On CENTEX,

Written by Austin Norville,

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From the Alto Saxophone section, freshman Izaak Baggerly earned the 4th chair, and sophomore Franklin Groseclose earned the 12th chair.

Freshman Ray Palousek earned the 2nd chair in the Snare Drum group.

Freshman Lauren Lum earned the 8th chair in the Mallets section, and freshman Ray Palousek earned the 4th chair, 2nd concert.



Spotlight on...

'Committed to Excellence'

Weekly Buzz Reporter Ashlyn Kinard

With softball season right around the corner, the softball players of Holland have high hopes for a great season under their Head Coach, Jolene Volek.

"I like the way she pushes us to be better and how she is there to help us with anything," stated senior Kelsee Ferguson.

Coach Volek is a young coach who has three years of experience. She has spent all three of her years of coaching in Holland.

"I like the small town atmosphere, and the fact that we become a family in Holland," expressed Varsity Head Coach Jolene Volek.

As the season is getting started, Coach Volek has high expectations for this year's team. A total of thirty girls have signed up to play softball. This will allow Holland to have both a JV and a Varsity team.

Considering the amount of girls wanting to play, there is a lot of talent to work with.

"We have a possibility of a district championship and a run in the playoffs," stated Coach Volek.

As a result of a successful season last year, Coach Volek is working hard to strengthen her defense to make it even further into the playoffs this year.

"I teach my kids to, first and foremost, to be good people. I love having strong defense. I feel that defense wins ball games. We are working on building our batting averages this year, and going to work on our small game," said Volek.

The pressure is definitely on for the softball girls as well.

"I want to stick with getting the defensive MVP, I want to bring my batting average up, and I want to make it past the first round of playoffs," expressed senior Kourtney Ferguson.

The softball girls are working hard to be prepared for the first pre-district game, which is coming up against Lago Vista on February 14th at 6, at home, and the first district game on March 9th against Bartlett, at Bartlett, starting at 6 pm.

"I am looking forward to district play this year, and, each day, I get more and more excited about the numbers and talent that we have. This year Holland Softball will be 'Committed to Excellence!'" expressed Coach Volek.



Coach Volek "Spotting" an athlete during workouts.

Photo By Ashlyn Kinard

♂ He Said

She Said ♀

No!

Anonymous Weekly Buzz Reporter

SOPA (Stop Online Piracy Act) is trying to take away one of the most well known amendments to The Constitution of the United States of America. The Constitution states in the Bill of Rights that Americans have the freedom of speech, religion, and press. SOPA is trying to censor the Internet to control what people can say and do!

This is a direct violation of the 1st Amendment. The Internet is where people can put how they feel, tell what they have accomplished, and keep record of their life. It should not be taken away from the people. People love being able to tell other people about their opinion.

SOPA will restrict what American citizens can put on the Internet. SOPA will censor websites, and also filter what people can express. They will be directly in violation of the 1st amendment. What gives the government the right to rip the freedom of speech out from under the feet of American citizens?

Facebook is something that most Americans participate in. The majority of Americans have an active Facebook account. SOPA plans on making Facebook friendly to children under the age of 18, meaning that Facebook would require people to enter a social security number and birth date. It seems flawless, until a child under 18 decides to pull fraud by using their parent's information.

SOPA has a back-up plan for that situation. SOPA will filter status updates on social network sites. SOPA will be able to approve or deny your status updates. Suddenly, "What's on your mind?" turns into, "Will SOPA approve?"

SOPA is going to make it harder for people to express their 1st Amendment rights. YouTube videos will become strictly filtered. Videos that people watch numerous times because of how vulgar, and yet cruelly funny, they are will be on the chopping block for deletion.

Americans use the Internet to express their freedom of speech, press, and religion, and SOPA is trying to take that away from Americans. SOPA is taking away America's freedoms, one amendment at a time.

SOPA Speaks Out

Weekly Buzz Reporter, Nichole Festa

The proposed SOPA bill, or Stop Online Piracy Act, has recently caused a lot of uproar among US citizens. The proposed SOPA bill is not so much about censorship; this information is unfortunately incorrect.

SOPA was introduced to the Senate by Congressman Lamar S. Smith "to expand the ability of U.S. law enforcement to fight online trafficking in copyrighted intellectual property and counterfeit goods," as put by Wikipedia.

This means that the government is not evaluating WHAT we post, or upload, as opposed to WHERE it came from and how it got there.

If a person downloads a song from the internet through a "black market" website without paying for it, not only is this piracy, it is theft. The government is not trying to punish its citizens, but rather protect an artist's work that they have spent many hours on.

Although downloading for free may not come at a price to us, artists pay a lofty price. Singers spend money on background beats, album production, and even the promotion of the album. They spend countless hours in the studio until they get that "perfect sound." This is why artists must SELL their work. Artists must attain the money they have spent creating this album, or photo, in order to simply make a living.

If an artist produces one album in their career and sells one copy, but that one copy is put on the Internet illegally and millions of people download it for free, that artist makes no money. The artist has lost money; making it much harder for them to maintain their livelihood.

Granted, most people think, *oh they're famous they have plenty of money*; but they might not be correct. The public may not necessarily know exactly what is going on.

So they next time someone goes to the App store and types in *Free Download*, is he or she really getting it for free, or at the expense of someone else?



FYI...



A Word From Leadership!

Setting Your Thermostat

Install a programmable thermostat compatible with your heating and cooling system. Make sure to set it comfortably low in the winter and comfortably high in the summer.

Buzz's Words Of Wisdom

Continue To Climb...No Matter How Steep The Mountain May Be!

Menu

January 27th - Grilled chicken patty on a bun, fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, carrots, peaches.

January 30th - Corn dog, BBQ chicken, cole slaw, border beans, fruit cocktail.

January 31th - Yogurt plate, chicken nugget, beef & bean tamale pie, mashed potatoes, broccoli normandy, pears.

February 1th Not Available

February 2nd

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Fun Page



Top 10 Signs It's Softball Season

Weekly Buzz Reporter Denver Whisenhunt

Saying "We want a pitcher, not a belly- itcher," is heard throughout the campus

On game days, all the coaches are carrying around stress balls

Finishing your work in class, the next thing your teacher does is start measuring you for a uniform

Track coaches are looking for baseball bats

Bats fill the hallways more than backpacks do

Announcing over the intercom that it is softball season over, and over, and over until everyone understands

Leading practices are held in the hallways

Left handed girls are repeatedly asked by the entire faculty if they know how to pitch

Striking out when you hit on a girl (haha, get it? *Striking*, key word)

Zipping around the bases not only gets you three cheers, but your friend buys you dinner as well

Birthdays!!!

January 27th

Jacob Cantu

January 30th

Hayle Swanzy

February 1th

Maria Mendoza

Lauren Janke

Bet you didn't know this about...

The Wizard of Oz?

1. "I'll get you, my pretty, and your little dog, too!" was No 99 on Premiere magazine's poll to find the 100 Greatest Movie Lines.
2. The same magazine named it one of the 20 most overrated movies of all time.
3. Judy Garland's childlike physique was achieved with the help of a corset.
4. Several actors playing Winged Monkeys were injured when the piano wires holding them up snapped during a shoot on the haunted forest scene.
5. An unused screenplay was written by Ogden Nash.
6. Reports suggest each Munchkin earned \$50 per week, while Toto bagged \$125 per week.
7. Jell-O crystals were stuck over all the horses in the Emerald City palace to lend them their color. The scenes were shot speedily, before the horses began to lick them off.
8. The running time is 101 minutes, but the original cut was 112 minutes – only audiences at test screenings have seen the additional 11 minutes.
9. MGM toned down the gore in L Frank Baum's novel, which involves scenes showing "Kalidahs" (tiger-bear hybrids) being dashed to pieces in a crevasse, the Tin Woodman using his axe to decapitate a wildcat and 40 wolves, and bumblebees stinging themselves to death against the Scarecrow.
10. The production costs came in at \$2,777,000 – a vast sum for the time. On initial release, the film only earned \$3m.

Information found on IMDb.com



The Holland High School leadership class is selling "Candy Grams" for Valentine's Day!

PICK UP ORDER FORMS IN THE OFFICE

They will be delivered on Valentine's Day

The basic package consists of a decorated bag, treat, and latex balloon for **\$2.00**

ADDITIONALLY THERE ARE SOME EXTRAS AVAILABLE



Poem \$1.50

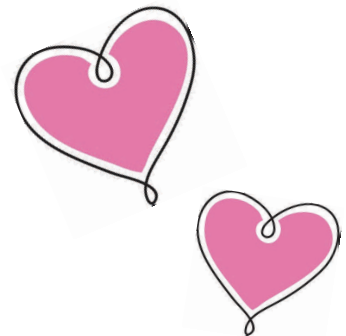
Song \$1.50

Latex Balloon \$1.00

Mylar Balloon \$1.50

Treats \$0.50

Soda \$0.75



Return order form and pay by Friday, February 3rd

Contact Lori Kinard for more information



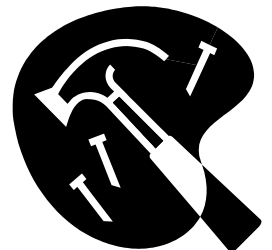
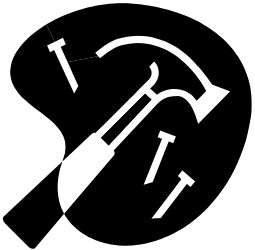
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